

GREENTREES VILLAGE

THE VILLAGE VOICE

October

Happy Halloween

2013



Around The Village

Holiday Gift and Bake Sale by Sharon Davis

Fall is here. We have the beans harvested, the jams are gleaming in the jars and the pickles are all packed. Time to think about the Tuesday Group's Holiday Gift and Bake Sale!

As Chair of this year's gift sale, I am impressed with the number of craft people we have in the Village and the variety of the items they will have for sale. The gift part of the sale promises to be varied and surprising. The sale is on October 19th from 8 to 2 pm. The East gate will be open to allow the public to attend. Tables are still available in the Greentrees office

The second part of the event is a baked food sale, which will be chaired by Ruth Smelly. In order to make it a success, we need everyone to pull out Aunt Bessie's famous cookie recipe or Grandma Olive's buttermilk biscuit recipe or Uncle John's famous chocolate cake recipe and create a culinary masterpiece to donate to the bake sale. You can make as much as you like.

Package it for sale by the each, the dozen, half dozen or as you like it. Items for the sale should be brought to the Recreation Hall before 8:00 AM on the morning of the sale.

Your participation is important. You will be a hero for supplying the inventory that will make the sale a success. You will get a chance to see what other fine cooks

in the Village make and buy treats for your own table.

Sign up sheets are in the Clubhouse for listing what you are going to bake for us. You can also volunteer to help with the actual sale.

Thanks in advance for your help. We have the finest people in Greentrees. I know I can count on your help. If you have any questions, you can call Ruth at 541-997-4042 or Sharon at 541-997-6953.

Boo! By Bill Johnson

Yes, It's October. Just check out the front page of this month's newsletter. Less than 30 days to Halloween. We usually don't have Trick or Treaters in the Village on that ghostly night, but if you want to celebrate with the spooks, come to the Greentrees Halloween and Potluck Party. It's on Halloween night, Thursday October 31st. We will start at 6:00 PM. Be sure to bring a special hot dish or dessert to share. There will be awards for best dish, best costume, best couple costume and scariest mask.

Live music will be provided by the Greentrees Five plus maybe an extra body. They may even play some Halloween music! The party will be in the Recreation Hall. Coffee and drink will be provided. Before it's over you might even win a ghostly prize. So bring a friend or neighbor and come have some fun!

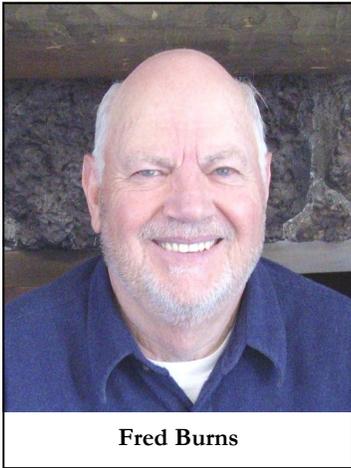
GTV Annual November Food Drive by Dick Benson

2013 will be the sixth year of the Greentrees Holiday Food Drive. In the past five years, Greentrees residents have donated over 10,600 pounds of food for our community's hungry.

During the week of November 11th, the Maintenance Department will leave a collection bag at each home. On November 14th, GTV volunteers will be going house-to-house to pick up donations and take them to Florence Food share for this year's holiday boxes.

Items most needed are canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, chili, Spaghetti's, tuna fish, rice and dried milk. Your cash donations will also be greatly appreciated.

From the President by Fred Burns



Fred Burns

Greentrees Retains the Rhody Bus!

At the September 16th Florence City Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to accept the City Manager's recommendation to approve the option that retained Greentrees and the Senior Center as part of the Rhody Express bus schedule. Also included in that option was adding a

stop at Three Rivers Casino.

By adding the casino, there is a risk of adding minutes to the route and perhaps losing one round trip during the day. That will be worked out by the Florence Transportation Advisory Committee.

I would like to thank all the Greentrees residents who participated in the public outreach process which included writing letters, signing the petition and attending the City Council meetings. Be assured that because of your support, we still have the Rhody Express bus stop.

I would like to encourage Greentrees residents to ride the Rhody bus from time to time. I have, and it was an enjoyable experience.

Last, but not least, I would like to congratulate Don Patton on his being appointed to the Florence Transportation Advisory Committee. It's good to know we'll have a Greentrees resident on the committee who will represent the Association's interests.

Call for Nominations

The Association is seeking nominations for Directors and Alternates for the Greentrees Village board of directors 2014-2015 term. The districts up for election are #1, #3, #5, #7 and #9. One Alternate will also be elected at-large.

In last month's newsletter, we mistakenly reported that there would be two Alternates elected to the board this year, but that was incorrect. Only one Alternate will be elected in 2013. Two will be elected in 2014.

If you are interested in running for representative of the district you live in, or running for the alternate at-large position, please contact the office or your current district representative. Nominations must be received by October 15th, 2013.

Road Work on Rhododendron Drive

The Greentrees office staff has been getting a lot of inquiries concerning the survey work going on along Rhododendron Drive. Some of you may have received a letter in the mail from Florence Public Works Director Mike Miller explaining that what we are seeing is the preliminary work for the bike and walking path that will be built along the East side of the road.

The City wants to keep Greentrees residents informed, particularly those residents whose property is adjacent to the road and who will be directly affected. Mr. Miller has contacted Greentrees management and asked us to pass on the following information to GTV residents :

The Transportation Enhancement Grant project for the multi-use path project along Rhododendron Drive held its kick-off meeting last month with the engineering team. Because the project has a mixture of federal, state and local funds, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the overall project manager. The contract between the engineering team and ODOT was recently signed and approved at the end of August.

They are just starting the design phase and OBEC Consulting Engineers has started the field survey work. The survey crews from OBEC are gathering topographic (vertical and horizontal) data, along with confirming and identifying property lines and utilities.

OBEC sent out letters Friday, September 13th to residents of Greentrees Village that own property adjacent to Rhododendron Drive to give the residents a heads-up that OBEC's survey crews may need to enter their property. A letter from the City will be going to a larger area of residents that provides the timeline for the project.

Once the survey is completed, the design engineers will begin working on the design and location of the multi-use path. The City anticipates that the preliminary plans will be completed in May 2014. At that time the community will have a chance to view and comment on the design and alignment of the project.

The City anticipates the final plans will be approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation in November 2014 with a bid opening for construction in January 2015. Construction of the project should begin in March 2015 and is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2015.

As we learn more about the progress of the multi-use path, we will pass it along in this newsletter.

The Tuesday Group by Pam Spagna

That was the shortest summer I remember. We are now at the beginning of the holiday season.

So we are going to host a Holiday Gift and Bake Sale on October 19th. We are now selling tables to residents and outside vendors. Sharon Davis is chairing the event and will be looking for lots of help. See her article for more specific information.

Luncheon out will be on October 22nd at the Bay Street Grille at noon. Because of the holidays, this will be the last. Be sure and sign up. Bunco will be on Thursday October 3rd and Sunday October 20th. The sign-up sheet is in the Library.

It's not too early to think about Thanksgiving. We are planning to serve dinner, complete with vegetable and cranberry sauce. Anyone is welcome to bring a dish and serve it at their individual table. However, we will need lots of pumpkin pies and other sweets for our dessert buffet.

See you at the Holiday Gift and Bake Sale!

GREENTREES VILLAGE, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Workshop

September 24, 2013

Call to order: 1:00 PM by President Fred Burns

Roll Call of the Board of Directors: All board representatives were present except Ella Grenfell (dist. 2) and Sharon Lewis (dist. 8).

President's Comments: Fred Burns said that owners David and Kerstin Johnsen met with the Florence City Manager regarding the multi-use path on Rhody. The Johnsens will give a report at the next regular board meeting.

RB Taylor moved that the rules be suspended in order to have a general discussion regarding Estate Sales. The Board approved unanimously.

A discussion on Estate Sales followed in which all Board members participated. The General Manager was instructed to draft new rules for estate sales based upon the Board's consensus. The draft will be reviewed at the November B.O.D. meeting.

At 2:20, RB Taylor moved that the Board return to regular session. The Board approved unanimously.

RB Taylor moved for adjournment at 2:24 PM. The Board approved unanimously.



Feeding Wild Animals Prohibited

As a reminder to all residents, please be advised that feeding wildlife is against the law in the City of Florence.

Florence City Ordinance 6-6-070 states: "No person shall scatter or deposit any food or other attractants on public or private property with or without the intent of attracting and/or feeding wild animals, including, but not limited to, bears, seagulls, crows, pigeons, raccoons, feral cats, wild rabbits, rodents, coyotes and deer. Leaving food outside for any purpose, including for the purpose of feeding domestic animals and pets, in a place where wild animals can access it, shall be a violation of this section if the food in fact becomes an attractant for wild animals."

Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$500. If you have questions regarding the City's restrictions, you may wish to contact Shari Fisher, Code Enforcement Officer for the Florence Police, at 541-997-3515.

Important Emergency Information By Ken Stone

I have recently been reminded of an important issue we will be confronted with if a major earthquake occurs in our time. It deals with the stability of our manufactured homes. Your home must be tied down with anchors or will be toppled during an earthquake.

Many of the homes are simply set on blocks which will crumble and cause the home to fall. These homes are able to flex during an earthquake and many will survive the event if properly secured. I highly recommend that you have your home inspected by a qualified contractor to see if it is anchored.

Architectural Report

The Following permits were issued in September:

Lot 430 - Room extension

Lot 516 - Access ramp

Lot 542 - Small fence

Lot 188 - Garage



In Memorial

Darlene Elam, lot 299
10/21/32 - 9/12/13

Howard Bunnell, lot 543
8/09/24 - 9/15/13

Ervin Harvel, lot 504 (former owner)
11/19/19 - 9/17/13



Some Halloween Trivia

- Halloween was actually a Celtic holiday. It was originally called Samhain meaning "end of summer." In ancient Celtic Ireland, October 31st marked the official end of summer.
 - Potatoes and turnips were the original Jack-O-Lanterns. Irish children would carve and light them to use during the gatherings on Halloween.
 - Trick or treating had its roots in Europe. The custom known as "souling" dates back to the 9th century. On All Soul's Day which is November 2nd, the poor would walk through the villages and go door to door begging for food. They would be given "soul cakes" which is a type of pastry made from bread and currants. They would promise to pray for dead relatives in return for receiving the "soul cakes."
 - Pumpkins are a type of squash. Many people think of them as vegetables, but from a biological standpoint they are a fruit because they come from a flower and have seeds in them.
 - Black and orange are the colors that go hand in hand when it comes to Halloween because black is the color associated with death and darkness, and orange is the color associated with the autumn harvest.
 - Halloween is the number two holiday in terms of commercial success. It's no surprise that Christmas is number one. Over four billion dollars is spent annually during the Halloween season. The majority of that money is spent on costumes, candy, parties, and decorations.
 - Chocolate candy bars are the most popular item to give trick-or-treaters. Which candy bar is the most popular? Snickers!
 - Approximately two billion dollars is spent annually on [Halloween candy](#) in the United States. That's a lot of Snickers bars and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups!
 - Although Halloween is generally thought of as a fun holiday, some people have a fear of Halloween. If a person has an extreme, intense, or irrational fear of Halloween, they may be suffering from a condition known as samhainophobia.
 - Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
 - Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.
- As you can see, Halloween is a holiday rich in history, facts, and trivia. Share these trivia facts about Halloween with your family and friends. Have a Happy Halloween!

Welcome New Residents

Katherine & David Larsell, lot 54

Arthur & Linda Ferreira, lot 26

Allen & Sherry Pullen, lot 49

Karl Leabo, lot 125

Bruce & Pam Littlepage, lot 574



Greentrees Bingo

Every Saturday Night
at 7:00 PM

Door Prizes, Good Snacks,
and Good Company.
In the Recreation Hall

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October 19th, 2013

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Greentrees Village Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2013

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Fred Burns. Seven board members were present. P. Patton and P. Catalfamo were absent.

Approval of Board Agenda: **V. Martin** made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding "Replanting of Greenbelts" to **Other Business**. **Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.**

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: **S. Muehlbauer-Lewis** moved to approve the minutes of **August 13, 2013**. **Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.**

President Burns Comments: We will schedule a workshop for September 24, 2013 at 1:00 pm to have further discussion on estate sales. October 15th is the deadline for nominations for the 2014 election of board members for odd number districts. The Board will be going into Executive session to discuss foreclosures as the last item on today's agenda.

Residents' Forum: K. Stone, lot 259, would like to require new home sites under construction to have a portable toilet on site.

Correspondence: Letter from N. Parker, lot 64, regarding the annual sidewalk sale and a letter from P. Patton, lot 282, regarding our gates and the proposed traffic spikes.

Financial Report: G. Lyddon presented the Treasurer's Report. Cash on hand in the Association's Operations checking and savings account is \$335,645.86. The Reserve accounts have \$325,771.10 for a balance of \$661,416.96. Our expenses are in line year-to-date.

General Manager's Report: The 2014 Reserve study is being worked on and will be presented next month to the Property Committee, Finance Committee and then to the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee and management is investigating if we can find a way to accept bank cards to pay Greentrees assessments. Management has been working with the Finance Committee to review job descriptions and the employee handbook. We hope to bring this to the Board for consideration in November. We had a plugged sewer line this month in the 400's. It turned out not to be a broken line and we were able to fix it by flushing it out with water. The cost was \$870.00. We have replaced four rotted posts in the breezeway between the clubhouse and the Recreation Hall at the cost of approx. \$400.00. Lot 679 is going through a bank foreclosure. It has been empty for four years and has a debt of \$4,914.00. We will not be able to recover that money, but we look forward to getting a new home owner and taking it off our books.

Committee & Club Reports: **(ACC)** R.B. Taylor. We had four permits issued for the month of August. They were for a living room extension (#430), an access ramp (#516), a small fence (#542) and one for a garage (#188). **(Property Committee)** B. Johnson reported that the Property Committee talked about our water system. Flow tests are being done by maintenance to measure the flow of water. Diane Freburg was at their last meeting regarding cameras on the river. The computer club was contacted to see if they might help. P. Patton was at the last meeting asking the committee to reconsider the traffic spikes. **(Tuesday Group)** P. Spagna: The Tuesday Group requested the use of the Recreation Hall for a Holiday Gift and Bake sale on Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. It was put under Other Business. **(Computer Club)** No report. **(GERT):** K. Stone. No report

Unfinished Business. (07-03-13) Rhody Bus: F. Burns said that there would be a City Council meeting at the Florence Events Center on Monday, September 16th at 7:00 pm. Management received a communication from Bob Garcia, chairman of the Confederated Tribes, saying that the tribes do not support taking us off the Rhody bus schedule. We hope that a lot of our residents will attend this meeting to show their support on this issue. (08-04-13) Road spikes at entrance gates: **Fred Burns** made a motion that the Association replace the property's front exit gates with above ground traffic spikes and the appropriate warning signs. It is recommended that the East gate be replaced in 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500, and that the West gate be replaced in a similar fashion in 2014. After some discussion an amended motion was made by **V. Martin** to postpone our decision until the next board meeting. **Property Committee** to review. **Roll call vote, 7 yes, passed unanimously.**

New Business: (09-01-13). Charter Cable changes: L. Dashofy. Charter has informed us that after the first of the year they will go 100% digital and each resident will need a box for every TV. Even if you have a digital TV you will still need a box. They will provide one box at no charge. Additional boxes will be \$5 per month each. (09-02-13) Reserve Investments: **G. Lyddon** made a motion to move two CD's that are maturing into a money market account at Washington Federal temporarily while the Finance Committee looks at investment options. **Roll call vote, 7 yes, passed unanimously.** (09-03-13) Review of Sidewalk Sale: Many residents felt the sale went well. A suggestion was made to have volunteers next year to slow speeders down and direct traffic. F. Burns also suggested putting up stop signs at the gate to slow drivers down.

Other Business: (09-04-13) **V. Martin** made a motion that to protect the visual and private screen that our greenbelts offer, a new provision be added to the current Rules and Regulations stating that a greenbelt be replanted within two weeks of removal with trees of at least 6 feet and 5 gal. sized plants. Discussion followed. It was decided that the Property Committee will address this issue and it will be moved to the next board meeting. (09-05-13) The Tuesday Group is requesting the use of the Recreation Hall on October 19th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm for a gift and bake sale. The gates to be open to the public at those times. **RB Taylor** made a motion to give permission for the function. **Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.**

RB Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive session along with the Finance Committee to discuss foreclosures. **Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.** The Board went into executive session at 2:12PM.

Meeting reconvened at 3:11PM. **RB Taylor** moved to instruct Treasurer **G. Lyddon** to attend the foreclosure sales for lots 9 and 105 in Eugene, and to bid on each lot at minimum the debt owed to the Association plus legal fees and any required taxes. The maximum bid for each lot shall not exceed the minimum bid plus 30% of the Finance Committee's maximum cap figure. The funds for acquisition shall come from the Association's Reserve fund. **Roll call vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.**

Announcements: Thank you Ruth Smelly and Joan Kerrebrock for serving cakes for today's meeting. **THE POT LUCK, SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 5 WILL BE SEPTEMBER 27th AT 6:00 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

RB Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Voice vote, 7 yes, passed unanimously.**

Adjournment: 3:13 PM.